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IN LAST CHANCE MINE.

TWO MEN BLOWN TO PIECES WHILE BLASTING.

Judgment in the Case of a Seattle Chinese Merchant—Arrest of Suspected Counterfeiters—Stage Robber Jones—Dramatic "Realism" in New York.

WARDNER, Idaho, Dec. 21.—About 10:30 a.m. a terrible accident occurred in the big tunnel connecting the power-house with the main shaft in the Last Chance mine. Jacob H. Quackenbush, a shift boss, and Patrick Quinn, a laborer, were instantly killed. Under the supervision of the shift boss, Quinn, having a split fuse, proceeded to fire nine holes, the fuse of all except the last two, which were wet, taking fire rapidly. The first blasts went off, blowing the head clean off Quackenbush, and Quinn, who was mangled beyond recognition, had his hands and one leg severed from his body. Seeing that the stubborn effort to light the wet fuse was failing, and that the fuse of the fatal charge was nearly consumed, two other laborers, Heath and North, who were present, started to run. They had not gone ten yards when flying rock shot past them in all directions. One of the pieces hit North in the leg, inflicting slight injuries. Their escape was miraculous. As the tunnel is rather wet Mr. Trethewey, superintendent, the day previous tried to prevail on the shift boss to use a battery to light the fuse, in order to guard against possible danger, but he thought it too slow to operate. Both of the dead men were highly respected here. Quackenbush's brother and friends have taken charge of the remains. The Miners' Union has made all necessary arrangements to bury Quinn to-morrow at the Milo cemetery. Both corpses were taken to the Miners' Union hall to await the arrival of Coroner Sims, who will hold an inquest

Decision in a Chinaman's Case.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—Judge C. H. Hanford, of the United States district court for the district of Washington, has handed down an opinion in the case of the United States vs. Lee Hoy, which is of great importance to the Chinese merchants in this country. Judge Hanford holds in this case that a Chinaman who is a merchant in this country, permanently domiciled here, who is permitted to return to the United States by the collector of customs after a short visit to Victoria, is not liable to be arrested and banished because the collector admitted him without the production of a certificate as to the fact of his being a merchant, issued by the Chinese government. He holds that the decision of a collector of customs as to the rights of a Chinese merchant to be admitted to the country will not be reexamined by the courts for the mere purpose of determining whether the action was based upon good evidence, and that a Chinaman who is in fact entitled to be in this country and who has gained admittance cannot be sent out for the reason that the law requires a judicial determination to the contrary before a warrant can be issued for the deportation of a Chinese person. That is, it must be adjudged that he is not one entitled by law to remain in the country.

Stage Robber Jones.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Abe Jones, the desperate stage robber who stopped the Redding and Altura stage a month ago, was brought here yesterday from Oregon by Deputy Marshal Maloney. He was one of the gang of Shasta robbers composed of Bill and Cornelius Howard and Jack Rice. He was one of the men who escaped from the officers when they were bringing him down to Redding. He slipped the shackles off his feet, opened the door of the coach in which he was confined and escaped in the darkness. From a neighboring ranch he stole a horse and rifle. When the officers had almost captured him again he shot the horse under one of them and got away in safety to Warner Valley on Oregon soil. There a farmer named Thompson captured him. He will be arraigned Monday in the United States circuit court. He refused to talk this afternoon, except to say that he was the wrong man.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—The counterfeiters who have been flooding Stanwood, Snohomish and other smaller towns in the northwestern portions of the state with counterfeit nickels, dimes, half dollars and dollars, were captured at Anacortes yesterday morning and brought to Seattle last night, and are now safe in jail. The prisoners are Robert Martin and Pat Kenifec, alias Keefe, and about $5 in counterfeit money and some bulk metals from which the coins were manufactured were found on them, and will be held in evidence. Both men are past middle age, and are very rough looking. Kenifec was arrested in this city two months ago for passing counterfeit money, but the evidence against him was not sufficient to secure his conviction, and he was released from custody.

Argentine's Crops Abundant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Advices received from the Argentine Republic by the Bureau of American Republics show that the value of agricultural and pastoral products in that country during the present year will exceed anything ever before known. The value of the agricultural crop in 1891 is estimated at $85,000,000, and the value of the pastoral products is $120,000,000, making a total for the year's crop of over $200,000,000. This is 15 per cent. greater than for any previous year. It is believed that the enormous crops will restore prosperity to the country.

Argentine Politics.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 21.—A large number of members of the Union Civica made a demonstration in this city last evening. A torchlight procession marched through the principal streets, 5000 persons being in line. Senor Trigoyen, one of the candidates for the presidency of the Argentine Republic, has issued a manifesto in which he promises, should his candidacy prove successful, that he would institute many electoral and economic reforms.

Two Men Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—As the steamer Corona, from San Diego and way points, was passing over the bar to-day a monster wave swept her aft starboard deck, stripping the doors off their hinges, flooding the saloon and engine room, and carrying away sections of the rail. When the confusion subsided it was found that cabin passenger H. E. Bailey and a waiter named James Curtis had been swept overboard and lost.

California's First White Girl Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Caroline Larkin Tams, wife of Sampson Tams, of this city, died to-day in New York of the grippe. She was the first white girl baby born in California of American parents.

Cable Briefs.

The Standard's Berlin correspondent says Germany, England, Austria and Italy decline to accede to France's suggestion of a joint note to the Porte on the Chadonin affair.

The Vienna correspondent of La Paix telegraphs that Emperor Francis Joseph is a victim of influenza. The dispatch further states that the Emperor's attack is of a serious nature.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies, by 228 to 68, adopted new duties on sugar of high quality. The lower house of the Hungarian diet adopted the commercial treaty with Germany.

The refugee priest and nuns who escaped recently from Omdurman got away during disturbances caused by internal intrigues. Twenty-four persons were killed in these disorders. Such disturbances are not infrequent occurrences, being due to discontent over the Mahdi's rule.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Matters of Interest Going Forward in the Sporting World, Here and Elsewhere.

THE OAR.

The McLean-Seeley one mile straightaway race was pulled in the harbor this afternoon, and was won by McLean with four lengths to spare. Seeley pulled in a shell. McLean had a skiff, and although at somewhat of a disadvantage had the race all his own way after the first 100 yards. Quite a crowd gathered to see the sport, but very little money was put up, as all hands seemed to concede that the result was a foregone conclusion before a start was made.

The Bush-McLeod skiff race had not been finished at the hour of going to press.

THE RING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—John L. Sullivan left this morning for interior points. He will, on returning, start East via Portland. "No, we have nothing to say about Slavin," said Sullivan's manager this morning, "further than that Sullivan will meet him when his contract with this company is finished in June. Slavin knows that he can't fight until that time. According to the telegrams Slavin has come here in fine condition and wants Sullivan to fight inside of ten weeks. Sullivan could not get in fix by that time. Even if he could I could not afford to break the contract we have signed with northern theatrical managers. If Slavin will wait until June he will find us ready for him."

THE GUN.

A shooting match came off on Monday last at Belladonna farm, Mr. Chas. Charters having invited contestants from Metchosin, Sooke and Victoria to show their skill with the rifle and gun. Thirty-seven shootists from the places named entered the lists, with the result that Metchosin's men came off victorious by seven birds. Sooke stood next on the score, Victoria coming in last. The match was a good one and all hands enjoyed themselves, the hospitality of Mr. Charters being offered and accepted.

NANAIMO NEWS.

The State of Business—Electric Tramway Contract—Damage by the Storm.

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—Everything in the city has a very brisk appearance; everybody is busy making Christmas purchases and preparing some surprise for the little ones. Although work has been somewhat slack it does not seem to affect business generally. There is every indication that things will improve by the time the rough weather is gone.

WANT THE CONTRACT ANNULLED.

In consequence of the inactivity of the directors of the Nanaimo Electric Tramway Company in continuing the work of building the road, Ald. Campbell is desirous that the contract entered into by the company be declared null and void. It is stated on the other hand that the company have in no way been guilty of a breach of contract. They have commenced work and they have until Sept. 1892 to complete a certain amount of road and put it in running order. Should they fail to do the latter then it would be in order for the council to take some steps in the matter.

LITTLE EVENTS.

The magistrates at Wellington are taking a firm stand against the members of the demi-monde who have, of late, been overrunning the district, and several of them have been compelled to leave.

A new coal washer has been erected at the Wellington mines for washing the dross and thus saving 65 per cent. of coal.

The high winds that prevailed yesterday here blew large trees across a number of roads in the district and caused considerable inconvenience to traffic.

The dairy maids' social at the Methodist Church last evening was an immense success.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

THE VARIOUS CHARITABLE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Preparing for the Great Event Which Comes But Once a Year—Among the Orphans, the Aged, the Invalids, Sick Ones and Those Under Restraint.

Old Father Christmas has not forgotten the little ones in the Protestant Orphan's Home. He will be there very substantially on Christmas day, and will call again before New years to attend the Christmas tree which will be laden with all those articles conducive to juvenile happiness. There are just forty-two little hearts to be made joyful, their ages ranging from fifteen months to as many years, and the baby with the best reputation of the lot. This is a great feather in the baby's bonnet, but the worthy matron says it is so and it must be. Friends have not been forgetful of the children during the year now closing, and they are trying to make them have as pleasant a recollection of Christmas 1891 as former years. There has been an invitation received, and accepted, to the Christmas treat at St. Andrew's Church, where the children will spend another pleasant evening of this festive season. All is joyous expectation and childish glee.

There is a peculiarly pathetic contrast offered to this scene by a visit to the Old People's Home. Here are to be seen the poor old men, tottering under the weight of years and shivering in the winter of life as they feebly endeavor to decorate for Christmas. The evergreens are very heavy in their hands, and they are not very strongly put up. To these poor old souls Christmas will bring many recollections, and their minds will be more or less resigned to the certainty that the number of future Christmases will be only too few. There will be a grand dinner party on Christmas day, for which sweet charity has amply provided not only necessaries but many delicacies. The old men, of whom there are about 20, will sit and talk of bygone days over this repast.

There will be a pleasant party at St. Joseph's Hospital under the kindly hostesship of the Mother Superior. The usual preparations for spending Christmas are being made, and everything will be done to bring about forgetfulness of suffering either undergone or being experienced.

The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital will be more homelike than ever. Greenery and signs of nature are visible all over. Flowers and plants placed here and there lull the suffering ones into the belief that sickness or sorrow does not exist. Christmas day will be made as joyful as possible for the patients, most of whom, with that spirit of hopefulness which is the best medicine in sickness, expect to be restored to the freedom and strength of full health very shortly.

At the Refuge Home nothing will be left undone to drive dull care away.

Even at the jail those under punishment for wrong doing will not be made to feel that Christmas has slighted them. Mr. John, the warden, will entertain his guests, who number in all about 35. One was only yesterday removed by death, but there will be little trace of that event left by the time Christmas comes, although there may be some little influence remaining.

Everywhere are to be seen preparations for a happy Christmas, in the home and on the street. All are flushed with the pleasure of giving and receiving, and each one is vying with the other in giving the most happiness at this happy season.

THE PAMIR CONFLICT.

The Beginning of the Trouble With the Younghusband Incident.

The beginning of the trouble at Pamir was what is now known as the Younghusband incident. Late last summer a party of Russians, numbering eight officers, six horsemen, and forty infantry soldiers, made an exploring expedition toward Afghan Chiltral and the Chinese territory, which approach each other on the Pamir. Capt. Younghusband, a British officer, and probably a British agent, was then on a journey to Chinese Turkestan, and, hearing of the presence of the Russian detachment, started out to meet them. At Bozai Gumbay the British officer met a Russian advance post and sent word of its presence to Gilgit, the nearest British fort. The Russian party met by Capt. Younghusband consisted of ten Cossack infantry soldiers in charge of supplies, five Russian officers and a surveyor; and an escort of thirty mounted Cossacks, he learned, had gone forward in the direction of Chistal. The last party soon after returned to Bozai Gumbay, and treated Capt. Younghusband very well. The officers in command, however, informed the British officer that Russia claimed the whole country up to the Knore Bahat Pass. This party, under Col. Yanoff, then went on to join a Russian advance party of sixty men and officers who were on the Great Pamir.

On the following day a number of Russian horsemen rode up to Captain Younghusband's camp, surrounded his tent, and to his surprise, he says, he learned that their commanding officer was Colonel Yanoff. The latter informed Captain Younghusband that orders had reached him that morning, from the Russian governor-general, that Captain Younghusband and another British officer who was with him, Lieut. Davison, were to be deported to Chinese territory. Col. Yanoff, however, informed Captain Younghusband that if he would undertake to proceed thither without re-entering "the newly annexed territory" by certain passes which he named, the captain would be permitted to go ahead; otherwise he would be "escorted" by a detachment of Cossacks. Under protest, Captain Younghusband agreed to do as suggested, and retired to Taghdumbash Pamir, where he took precautions to see that the Russians did not move forward on Huuza or send arms to the Kanguetis without his being aware of it. It would appear, however, that arms have reached Hunza, for it was in that locality that the present trouble began.

When Capt. Younghusband started for Bozai Gumbay he had sent Lieut. Davison, who is said to have been traveling in eastern Turkestan during his leave of absence, to the Alichur Pamir to report to him the state of affairs here. At the Alichur Pass Lieut. Davison was found by Col. Yanoff and his Cossacks, and in spite of the protests of Chang, the chief Chinese official there, the Lieutenant was taken prisoner by the Russians, carried to Osh, and thence to Marghian. At the latter place Lieut. Davison was liberated at the request of Mr. Elliot, Secretary of the British Embassy at St. Petersburg, who happened to be traveling with the Russian Governor General. Lieut. Davison eventually reached the Taghdumbash Pass, where he rejoined Captain Younghusband. They both reached Gilget on Oct. 14 and reported the whole affair to Col. Durand.

Col. Durand had not been idle. Immediately after the receipt of Capt. Younghusband's communication informing him of the presence of Russians so dangerously near British territory, Col. Durand despatched two British officers and about ten men each to establish communication with the Afghans, with the intention of getting them to block the passes into Chitral. The British officers were both too late.

The object of the Russian expedition hovering on the frontier of British India is said to give solidarity to certain claims which they have vaguely put forward from time to time in their efforts to advance southward beyond the demarcating line agreed upon in 1873. That line follows pretty closely one of the northern headwaters of the Oxus. It left Badakhshan, including the northeastern angle of Shiva, within the Afghan territories or dependencies. It also ran north to Shighnan and the whole of the Pamir region now in dispute. But the territorial claims to this region were left an open question, and the region itself was supposed to form an undefined neutral ground between the territories of Russia on the north, Afghanistan on the south, and Chinese Turkestan on the east. The eastern portion, in a loose way, was supposed to belong to eastern Turkestan. The Russians, to all intents and purposes, are trying to substitute a southern headwater of the Oxus for the more northern one agreed upon as a a line of demarcation in 1873, and to enclose the immense tract of territory intervening between the two rivers. To this they have apparently added a further encroachment on Afhanistan by drawing a geographical line across Badakhshan and claiming the territories which lie north of it up to the line of the Oxus agreed upon in 1873. It is not apparent how England, not to mention China, can permit of this wholesale annexation of territory without a very strong protest.

The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya recently said that keeping in view the sparseness of the population and the fact that Russia is convinced that no neighbor harbors the wish to seize her territory, the Russian Government did not intend to establish any fortified points, but the Kirghis, the Afghans, and the Chinese took advantage of the uncertainty regarding the frontier to advance gradually on the Pamirs, and on this account it would be from time to time necessary that Russia should give proof of her proprietorship. It was for this reason that Col. Yanoff's expedition was sent forward, of which the English had made so much.

The notoriousness of Russian intrigues in the region where conflict has now arisen was so great some time ago that Col. Durand, whose forces have just had the encounter with the tribesmen near Gilgit, was summoned to Simla for a conference with the Viceroy of India. This conference took place in October, and as a result Durand received orders, based upon probable events, which authorized him to extend the military road from Gilgit to Chalt. This work was begun as soon as the colonel returned to his command. It is considered possible by military men that the present hostilities originated in some chance encounter between the tribesmen and the forces which were at work building the road.

Reinforcements have been pushing forward to Gilgit ever since the Viceroy become convinced, in his conference with Durand, that an outbreak could not long be averted. Their advance, however, has been hampered by the prevalence of snow storms of unusual severity for this season. So heavy has the fall of snow been that it has caused the breaking down of numerous bridges in the mountains, thus leading to vexatious delays and much suffering among the troops. While Col. Durand and his staff were returning to Gilgit from Simla toward the end of October they were forced to pass through terrific storms and were in no little danger. Some of the passes which must be traversed are 14,000 feet above the level of the sea.

The latest reinforcements sent to the scene were armed with two 7-pound Gatling guns. The force available at Fort Chalt and the reinforcements taken together, make up an effective strength which would be absurdly disproportionate if only tribesmen were expected to be encountered. It is evident from the elaborate preparations that have been making that European soldiers were looked forward to as combatants; and it is not doubted that the battle with the natives will lead, sooner or later, to a meeting of Russian and British troops, though it may be that Russian diplomacy will succeed in making the meeting as harmless as the famous affair at Pendjeh, which at the time of its occurrence seemed so certain to plunge the rival nations into a bloody war.

You

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NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

A Budget of News and Gossip From the Eastern Provinces.

The South Winnipeg (local) election will be held on January 7.

Thomas Nightingale, an old resident of Toronto, is dead, aged 64.

Alexander Leys, who has resided in Sarnia for fifty years, is dead, aged 81.

George Mackay, who went to fight the Fenians in 1866, died at St. Thomas last week.

J. W. Dunscomb, for many years collector of customs at Quebec, died recently at an advanced age.

Rev. James Baskerville, a pioneer minister of the Methodist Church, has died at Flesherton, aged 74.

Mary Draper, aged 86, widow of the late James Draper, of London township, is dead. She was one of the oldest residents of the township.

The Trades and Labor Council of Ottawa have decided to take an active part in the coming civic elections in support of the men pledged to the labor cause. Ex-Mayor Macdonald will be their candidate for the mayoralty.

The Department of Agriculture was notified by Sir Charles Tupper the other day that he had held a conference with Liverpool steamship men with reference to next season's immigration service. It is probable the Government will await his report before finally deciding on a policy.

Last week a farmer out near Norwich took to that village a number of bills of defunct banks, which he found in an old stocking when cleaning up after the burial of his wife. Altogether he found $1132, among which there was $246 in bills belonging to the Exchange, Consolidated Federal, Royal Canadian, Mechanics' and Niagara District banks.

Mrs. W. Brownell, sen., of the Hutchenson House, St. Thomas, died on Friday, aged 69 years. She was a woman of more than ordinary business ability and push, and her life was an active one. She was born in Putford, Devonshire, England, and was married 43 years ago. With her husband she came to Canada 37 years ago, settling in Toronto, where they remained for twelve years. For the past 25 years she had lived in St. Thomas.

ANACORTES EXCITED.

Members of the Old City Council Count Themselves Back Into Office.

ANACORTES, Dec. 21. — Great excitement prevails in the city over the action of the City Council Saturday evening in recounting the votes of the election without a contest calling for such action, and also at the astounding result of the recount. Before the council began canvassing the election returns, affidavits were presented to the effect that in some few tickets eight councilmen had been voted for instead of seven, and that a recount would change the result previously announced, and which showed that six out of the seven candidates on the citizens' ticket had been elected.

The recount showed that 64 ballots contained a vote for eight councilmen, and in each case it happened on a ticket giving a majority for the citizens' candidate, the rejection of these 64 tickets so completely turning the tables as to give a majority of six to the union ticket, the six being members of the present council.

The ballots have remained unsealed in the possession of the present city government for 10 days and the evidence that they have been tampered with is said to be overwhelming.

Excited groups of citizens have been gathering in various places all day, and threats of open violence are freely made.

A mass meeting will be held to-morrow to take steps towards dealing with the suspects. When the recount was finished the result was not announced aloud, but was passed on papers to the members. It was finally decided to again count the ballots Wednesday evening, and to invite the election officers to be present.

THE MERCIER CASE.

Mr. Tarte's Sensational Statements Regarding the Ottawa Government.

QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—The action of Lieutenant-Governor Angers in dismissing the Mercier Government promises now to wreck the Federal Government at Ottawa also. It opened the mouth of Tarte, now Mercier's ally, who created a tremendous sensation last night at a mass meeting called in Mercier's interest, by disclosing that in making the famous charges at Ottawa relative to the Quebec harbor works boodle, which drove Sir Hector Langevin and Thomas McGreevy out of public life, he was aided and abetted by Sir Hector's colleague and apparent friend, but real rival in the Cabinet, Caron, Minister of Militia, and claims to be able to prove that the Federal Government received $500,000 with which to run their election.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A special from Montreal says: According to prominent Conservatives, what is likely to cause a tremendous sensation throughout the Dominion of Canada is to take place soon. The dismissal of Mercier and his Ministry, it is asserted, was only the first step against the members of the recent Provincial Administration, and as soon as a new Cabinet is firmly secured in power more stringent measures are to be taken. The intention of the Conservative leaders, it is stated, is to have Mercier and other members of the recent administration arrested on charges of defrauding the Provincial treasury. If the Conservatives carry out their threats there will be a big sensation.

A BIG SEIZURE.

Silks and Laces Valued at Ten Thousand Dollars Captured.

The New York custom house officials believe they have unearthed the leader of a band of smugglers who have, through the complicity of some customs inspectors, been bringing large quantities of fine merchandise into this country without paying duty. It is said that within a short time startling disclosures will be made. All the officials will admit at present is that they are watching for two other steamships and they will then have completed the investigation of one of the boldest smuggling conspiracies ever carried on.

When the Red Star steamship Noordland reached the company's pier, at the foot of Sussex street, Jersey City, recently, she carried among her passengers a man whose name appeared on her list as Alfred C. Rutgers. He had three trunks and half a dozen valises. His baggage was passed and a cab called. The care with which his goods were placed in the vehicle aroused the suspicion of Custom-house Inspectors Broom and Donohue. They gently felt on Mr. Rutgers' coat pockets, and as he had no dutiable goods in them he was allowed to pass.

The cab had driven away when the officials learned that the man had left some goods in his stateroom. Donohue hurried there and found that the contents of the packages were expensive silks and laces. The Inspector rushed to the ferry and found the cab waiting for a boat. The trunks had not been locked. A strap was cut and on peering within Donohue saw a lot more silks and laces. Brown had come up and he was sent to the seizure room with the hack, while Donohue went back to get Rutgers. He was found walking slowly to the ferry house and was taken into custody. The goods seized are valued at $10,000 and the seizure is the biggest this year.

Secret Mail in India.

Detroit Journal: What is known as the "secret mail" in India has for more than a generation perplexed the English mind and is still a profound mystery. Everyone who has lived long in Asiatic countries is aware that the accurate knowledge of important happenings at a distance is often possessed by the natives at a considerable time before it is obtained by the government, even though special facilities had been provided for the transmission of the news.

This was frequently and conspicuously illustrated through the Sepoy rebellion. Happenings occurring hundreds of miles away were usually known in the bazaars hours and sometimes days before the news reached the authorities, and the information obtained was regarded as so trustworthy that the natives speculated upon it even to the full extent of their fortunes. Indeed, upon occasions, the "secret mail" beat the government courier by fully twelve hours, although every endeavor had been made to secure the swiftest dispatch.

The Hindoos say that they depend neither upon horses nor men, and have no secret code of signals, but that they do possess a system of thought transmission which is as familiar to them as the electric telegraph to the Western world.

Most people with less fondness for mysterious and a better knowledge of the weakness of the Hindoos for making riddles of the simplest fact will look for more prosaic explanations; it remains to be said that none has been forthcoming. The "secret mail" is an indubitable reality, and no Westerner has ever yet succeeded in solving the mystery.

If news is transmitted by signals no one has ever seen the signalers; nor if there is a vast system of stages in operation, covering hundreds and thousands of miles, has any one ever come across any of its machinery. And, indeed, it would seem that some means of communication must be at the command of the natives more rapid than horses or runners.

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Davis Will Case.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—Negotiations are pending at Butte, Mont., for a settlement of the celebrated Davis will case. The proposition comes from the contestants, represented by Henry A. Root. It is positively certain the case will not come to trial again. The absence of the administrator, John A. Davis, from the city causes the delay. It is said that in three weeks all the details will be perfected. The estate involves about $8,000,000.

IN THE OLD, HARD RUT.

Some women will persist in sticking to the old hard rut through life, when the easy and pleasant road is open to them. For instance, many toil and slave over the washing, steaming themselves half to death, and rubbing their fingers sore to get the clothes clean; whereas if they would use "Sunlight" Soap and follow directions, this Soap would do most of the work for them, and save the house from steam, and the clothes and hands from injury. Make up your mind to try it.

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SPEED 18 KNOTS. VICTORIA ROUTE SS. "CITY OF KINGSTON" TONNAGE 1117.

8:00 a.m.	Lv	Mi	*Tacoma	117	Ar	5:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.	Lv	24	Seattle	93	Lv	3:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	Lv	72	Pt Townsend	35	Lv	11:45 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	Ar	117	Victoria†	Mi	Lv	8:30 p.m.

Strs. "City of Kingston" and "City of Seattle" make connection at Port Townsend for passengers going from Bellingham Bay points to Victoria and return.

SPEED 18 KNOTS. WHATCOM ROUTE SS. "CITY OF SEATTLE" TONNAGE 1411.

6:45 p.m.	Lv	Mi	‡†Tacoma	121	Ar	4:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.	Lv	24	Seattle	100	Lv	2:30 p.m.
12:15 a.m.	Lv	72	Pt. Townsend	52	Lv	11:30 a.m.
2:25 a.m.	Lv	105	Anacortes	20	Lv	9:15 a.m.
6:15 a.m.	Ar	120	Fairhaven	3	Lv	8:00 a.m.
6:10 a.m.	Ar	123	Sehome	1	Lv	7:30 a.m.
4:30 a.m.	Ar	124	Whatcom*	Mi	Lv	6:00 a.m.

*Daily except Sunday. †Daily except Saturday. ‡Close connection with N.P. train from Portland and San Francisco.

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ISABEL
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On and after November 19th, '89.
Until further notice,
The Steamer ISABEL will sail as follows:
CALLING AT WAY PORTS:
Leave Victoria for Nanaimo............Tuesday, 3 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Comox............Wednesday, 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo............Friday, 7 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Victoria............Saturday 7 a.m.
For freight or passage apply on board. oc1tf

CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.,
(LIMITED.)

TIME TABLE No. 15.
Taking effect Oct. 1, 1891.

Vancouver Route.
Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday, at 2 o'clock, a.m.
Vancouver to Victoria daily, except Monday, at 13 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.
LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 23 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. (Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 1 going East Monday.)
For Plumper Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.
For Moresby Island Friday at 7 o'clock.
LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria, Monday at 13 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.
For Plumper Pass Saturday at 7 o'clock.

Fraser River Route.
Steamers leave New Westminster for Chilliwack and Way Landings every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

Northern Route.
Steamships of this Co. will leave for Ft. Simpson and intermediate ports on the 1st and 15th of each month. When sufficient inducements offer will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

Barclay Sound Route.
Steamer Maude leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports on the 27th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.
Steamers leave on Standard Time.
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UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM.
PUGET SOUND DIVISION.
The following Schedule for Union Pacific Steamers will be in effect on and after November 1, 1891.

Tacoma-Victoria Route.—Steamer VICTORIAN.

*6:30 p.m.	Lv.	Tacoma	Ar.	†4:15 p.m.
8:15 p.m.	Ar.	Seattle	Lv.	2:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.	Lv.	Seattle	Ar.	1:40 p.m.
12:01 a.m.	Ar.	Port Townsend	Lv.	10:30 a.m.
12:30 a.m.	Lv.	Port Townsend	Ar.	10:15 a.m.
*3:30 a.m.	Ar.	Victoria	Lv.	†7:30 a.m.

*Daily, except Sunday. †Daily except Saturday. Victoria passengers may remain on board until 7 a.m.

C. G. RAWLINGS,
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Office, No. 100 Government street. no3tf

RAILWAYS.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY.

TIME TABLE NO. 15.
To take effect at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20th, 1891.
Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING SOUTH. READ UP. Miles from Wellington.	GOING SOUTH. No. 3 Passenger Sat. and Sun.	GOING SOUTH. No. 1 Passenger Daily.	STATIONS.	GOING NORTH. READ DOWN. Miles from Victoria.	GOING NORTH. No. 4 Passenger Sat. and Sun.	GOING NORTH. No. 2 Passenger Daily.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	VICTORIA	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	RUSSELL'S	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	ESQUIMALT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	GOLDSTREAM	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	SHAWNIGAN LAKE	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	COBBLE HILL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	McPHERSON'S	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	KOKSILAH	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	DUNCAN'S	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	SOMENOS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	CHEMAINUS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NANAIMO	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	WELLINGTON	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
Return Tickets will be issued between all points for a single fare, good for return not later than Monday.
Return Tickets for one and a half ordinary fare may be purchased daily to all points, good for three days, including day of issue.
No Return Tickets issued for a single fare, where such fare is twenty-five cents.
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A TERRIBLE FATE.

An Innocent Man in Prison for Four Years.

Armed with a pardon signed by the governor, James Henderson walked forth from the prison doors of San Quentin the other day a free man. For over four years he had worn a felon's garb for a crime of which he was innocent. Henderson appeared at the office of the property clerk at the old city hall in quest of articles and some money that had been taken from him at the time of his arrest.

To a San Francisco Chronicle reporter he said: "Nearly five years ago I left my wife and two small children in Virginia, Nev., to come to San Francisco on a business trip. Upon arrival here I registered at the Russ house. I imbibed rather freely and during the evening got into some trouble with one of my friends. After the trouble I left the bar-room, my friends taking me as far as my hotel door. That night my friend was knocked down, robbed and beaten nearly to death. The next morning I was arrested and accused of robbery and assault with intent to murder. I protested my innocence, but without avail. I was brought to trial, convicted and sentenced to five years' hard labor. When I was arrested I thought of the disgrace that would fall upon my wife and children, so I gave a fictitious name and concealed my identity by saying I had no home.

"The rigor and humiliation of prison life have told upon me and I am now a physical wreck, nearly dead with consumption, which has prevented me doing any labor for the past year. Strange as it may seem a month ago the man who consigned me to a felon's cell died at San Diego, but before his death made a full confession, giving the name of his assailant and the details of the robbery, which was committed by his own brother. This statement was sent to the governor, who on investigation granted me a pardon.

"When my pardon arrived I was in the prison hospital. My condition you can see. My brother arrived this morning and to-night we start for home. Since my imprisonment both my children have died, one of them having ended its days in the poorhouse. The other died from want. My wife was forced to sell her home to secure the necessaries of life for herself and little ones."

As the clerk called Henderson's name he received a small purse containing a few dollars and his bank book for several hundred. The feeble and infirm man was assisted outside, where he sat until his brother returned for him, and, placing him in a hack, drove to the ferry.

DEATH OF A MISER PRINCE.

Nicolai Jussupoff, His Vast Wealth and His Beggarly Ways.

Prince Nicolai Jussupoff, who died recently in St. Petersburg, was as eccentric and miserly as any nobleman in history. He was the last of a fine family from the region of the Don. His grandfather was an intimate friend of Voltaire, Diderot and d'Alembert, and by his passion for art he filled a private museum with copies of the old masters. Nicolai Jussupoff had greater wealth than his grandfather and the same taste for literature and art, but he satisfied them only at the expense of others, and in his wanderings through Europe he confined his visits to art galleries and curio museums to the free or half-price days.

The prince's attire was always poor, even to the extreme of raggedness. One day at Baden-Baden the Empress Augusta met in the park a bent old man in tattered and greasy garments. She drew a five-dollar gold piece from her pocket and reached it under his bowed face. The old man raised his face with a grim smile and the empress was abashed to find herself face to face with Prince Jussupoff.

Despite his parsimony Prince Jussupoff was long master of ceremonies at St. Petersburg court. When visited by the members of the imperial family in his splendid palace he laid before them entertainments of classical magnificence, but the minute the doors closed behind them he hurried from room to room extinguishing the lights and admonishing everybody in the house that he was on the verge of bankruptcy.

The one person whom the eccentric old man loved was his only child—a girl of remarkable beauty and mind. For her sake St. Petersburg society always treated him with indulgence. She was expected some time ago to marry Alexander, of Battenberg, but the czar disapproved of the union. When she became the countess of Samarokon-Elston European dailies spoke of her as the richest heiress on the continent. The vast estates of her father are hers, and his title will be borne by her husband.

A STUDY OF NOSES.

Some Observations by a Noted Physiognomist.

Last year Prof. Annie Oppenheim went to the military exhibition to study noses, says a London letter to the New York Herald, and then made an examination of the old pensioners in Chelsea.

"Every one of them nearly had the prominent part of the nose at the top," she said. "When the nose comes boldly out at that part it is the sign of an aggressive spirit. When it projects more midway it shows a disposition to resent attack or defend friends, but without that spontaneous impulse to combat which you find in the real fighter and which is conspicuous in all the portraits of the distinguished generals or soldiers which one sees.

"You can almost tell a person's character from the nose alone," she remarked. "All great men have great n The Greek nose, which has no protuberance, but is straight, argues great senses of æsthetics, of beauty, but no character and no power of contention.

"Large nostrils show courage. People of fearless disposition breathe fully and freely. All the fiercer animals have dilated nostrils. The drooping nostrils show histrionic talent. If the nose also droops it denotes a tragic power, and if only the nostrils the capacity is marked for the interpretation of comedy.

"Where the nose is thin at the bridge it shows generosity, while a nose that is thick at the bridge argues acquisitiveness. When it is 'tip-tilted like the petal of a flower' the person is inquisitive. A projecting nose argues a disposition to investigate. It is ahead of the person, as it were, and wants to scent out things."

Prof. Oppenheim delivers a lecture every day at the German exhibition at Earl's court in London. She has published one or two works on her pet science, for, although she has formed her own deductions, they are all based, not on intuition or instinct, but on anatomical principles.

UNUSUAL AND ENTERTAINING.

THE bounty paid by Minnesota last year for wolf scalps amounted to $52,000.

DEFIANCE, Ia., has a man five feet six inches in height who weighs but sixty-five pounds.

THE greatest long distance bicycle riding record is 745 miles in fifty-four and one-half hours.

A SALMON weighing fifty and a half pounds was caught in the Solway, Scotland, a couple of weeks ago.

A BLACKBIRD that was blood red, except head and wings, was shot by a sportsman of Alloway, N. J., lately.

INSTANTANEOUS photography has been used to record the movements of the lips in speaking, and by putting the photographs in a zoetrope a deaf mute can easily read the words.

A THREE-YEAR-OLD child in Lewiston, Me., babbles in three languages—French, Swedish and English. Her father is French and her mother is a Swede. She picked up English from customers in her father's fruit store.

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Keep your eye upon this list, as it is always changing. Further sales can be arranged, and our sales rooms, the most central in the city, are always open for the receipt of all kinds of merchandise in large or small consignments.

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NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifth Annual Meeting of British Columbia Fire Insurance Company will be held at the company's office, 64 Yates street, on Thursday evening, January 21st, 1892, at 4 p.m., when the annual report of the company will be presented. Members of the company are requested to attend.

WM. DALBY,
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100 acres splendid land, 16 acres cultivated, 20 acres cleared. All good land. Good house, barn, granary, stable, sheds, etc. A snap for a few days only.

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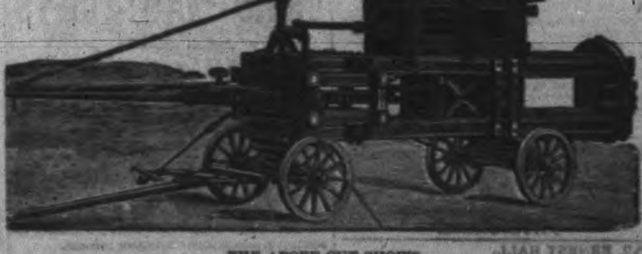

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BRITISH COLUMBIA LEAD.

Some of the inland papers have been engaged for a considerable time in discussing the advisability of increasing the duty on lead, so that the Canadian market might be entirely secured for the product of British Columbia lead mines. The present duty amounts to about $8 per ton, and it is calculated that in order to enable British Columbia lead to displace the foreign article in Eastern Canada a duty of $30 would be needed. There is no doubt that British Columbia could easily produce all the lead consumed in Canada. It is also undeniable that this province would profit considerably if Eastern Canada were compelled to find its supply here by the imposition of a heavy duty on foreign lead. The rich galena mines that are now undeveloped would be actively worked, and smelters would have a chance for profitable operation. But it is one thing to ask and another thing to get. The difficulties in the way of securing so great an increase in the lead duty as is proposed may easily be judged from a letter to the Nelson Miner from Mr. Mara, M. P., although the letter was not written with the object of showing forth such difficulties. Following is an extract:

During the last session of Parliament I had several interviews with the Premier and other members of the Government on the lead question, and pointed out that, owing to our lead ores being practically excluded from the American market, the small consumption of lead in this Province, and the cost of transportation from Kootenay Lake to Montreal, our galena mines were lying idle, and until mine-owners could see a market for their output our mines were likely to remain undeveloped. I also pointed out that in nearly every manufactured article we use we are consumers and not producers; that owing to the great distance from the manufacturing centres a protective policy falls more heavily on this than on any other province in the Dominion; and that as a matter of fair play we are entitled to sufficient protection to enable our smelters to ship lead to the commercial centres of Ontario and Quebec. I asked that the Government would at the next session take power to increase the duty on lead as soon as the output in this Province averages 50 tons daily, believing that such legislation would encourage capitalists to erect smelters; and I venture to predict that before the expiration of two years Kootenay district alone would produce more lead than Canada consumes to-day, and that competition would then fix and regulate the price regardless of duty. Mr. Abbott admitted the fairness of my proposition, and informed me that the free admission of our ores would engage the attention of the Canadian commissioners in framing the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States, and that the whole question would be seriously considered by the Government before or during next session.

My reason for not moving in the question in the House was because the British Columbia members were not a unit in believing that the time had arrived to advocate an increased duty on lead, and I knew that an adverse vote or hostile criticism would injure rather than further the object I had in view.

It is well to ask, in the first place, how much of a market would be afforded to British Columbia lead if a prohibitive duty were imposed. From the Trade and Navigation returns it appears that the total importation of lead into Canada in the fiscal year 1890 was 6000 tons. This includes not only pig and scrap lead and lead in bars, blocks, etc., but also such manufactures as pipe and shot. It would take very few mines and smelters to supply a market of this extent, and if British Columbia cannot secure greater scope for its lead-producing energies there is but a poor prospect for the industry. It will be noticed that Mr. Mara asked the Dominion Government to increase the duty when the output of this province reaches 50 tons daily. That would mean about 15,000 tons a year, or just two and a half times the amount at present used by the whole of Canada. Where would the surplus go if the production reached the figures mentioned by Mr. Mara?

Leaving Mr. Mara's figures aside and assuming that the capacity of the smelters would not go beyond the needs of the Canadian market, it would seem that the proposed duty would force the purchase of 6000 tons of lead in this Province. At the present rates this amount would cost in Montreal about $450,000, and with the suggested increase of duty the cost would be some $120,000 more. Is it at all likely that the people of Canada would consent to lay on themselves a tax so proportionately large in order to encourage the lead industry in B.C.? Mr. Mara's letter shows how very improbable is the idea. It is quite true that British Columbia is oppressed and harassed by the N. P. tariff, but we can hardly expect the people of the East to grant us so heavy a bonus on that account.

The moral is that the owners of lead mines in this Province should declare for free trade with the United States, which would not only secure to them a much larger market than Canada affords, but would also very much cheapen the cost of production and increase their profits accordingly.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

During the 11 months ended Nov. 30 there arrived in Ontario 48,787 immigrants. Of these 9923 remained in Ontario, 1289 went on to Manitoba and 37,517 went to the States. This looks like a repetition of the old story of Canada's failure to attract immigrants. With so much room for outsiders and the offer of so many natural advantages, a much larger proportion of the year's immigration should have remained in this country. The fault lies not in the country but in the way in which it is governed.

Minister Tupper recently delivered an address before the Young Conservatives of Toronto, in which the usual amount of Tory balderdash was embodied. Mr. Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright, according to this sprig of the Tupper family, are engaged in treasonable work, while Mr. Farrer, of the Globe, would have been strung up as a traitor by our forefathers had he lived in earlier times. Judging from his utterances, Mr. Tupper is so much a "back number" that he should have lived in those days of our forefathers instead of in modern times. It is quite possible, though, that the said forefathers might have punished as traitors men guilty of the serious crime of pillaging the public treasury.

Mr. Mowat and Mr. Blake completely agree on one point, and that is the tendency of the Conservative policy to create annexationists. Mr. Blake in his West Durham letter said of that policy: "Its real tendency has been towards disintegration and annexation, instead of consolidation and the maintenance of British connection." Mr. Mowat in his letter to Mr. Mackenzie, after referring to the result of the last general election said:—"Since that time discontent with the Conservative Government has increased, in consequence of the scandals unearthed at Ottawa, the proof afforded by the census and otherwise of the failure of the so-called National Policy to realize the expectations from it, and the continued discussion of the advantages of freer trade relations with the United States. As a result a disposition has been manifested in some quarters to favor even political union with the United States as the best means of obtaining such reciprocity, and, perhaps, as otherwise desirable." The Conservative Government is the great engine of the annexation movement, while the Liberals, by offering a remedy for existing ills, are the supporters of Canadian national interests.

A resident of Kingston in a letter relating to the building of new steamers in New York for the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, points out a loophole in Canada's customs law which affects Canadian shipbuilders. He writes:

All that is necessary to be done is to have the foreign built steamers registered in Newfoundland or even in Great Britain. Of course they are admitted in either of the above under imperial free trade rules without payment of any duty. Then, under their British or Newfoundland register, they come on the inland waters and demand any and every privilege due to them under the English flag, and they have the same rights and privileges as any Canadian built vessel. Some on reading this may think it impossible to get over the Canadian law in this way and thereby do such a wrong to Canadian shipbuilders, but I know cases where it has been done and the customs authorities are powerless to prevent it under the existing Canadian laws. I know of one case where the payment of $10,000 duty was saved by a knowledge of this loophole in Canadian law. I also know that ships sailing under British registers have privileges and exemptions not possessed by Canadian vessels.

His Test.

Youth's Companion: A dealer in pictures who makes it his business to find as many new painters as possible, both in this country and abroad, was asked in regard to his methods of selecting pictures to buy. He was very frank in his talk and one thing which he said is shrewd enough to be worth quoting.

"Of course," he said, "with my experience I am able to judge whether there is promise in a painter's work, but I never buy with any idea of putting the painter on my list until I have seen the man and talked with him myself. I always watch him closely, and I never buy his pictures unless his eye lights up when I talk to him about his work and about his profession."

The artist whose heart was really in his work could not discuss it without kindling, and the man who did not paint from the heart was not the one whose picture the dealer wanted.

The remark was not only one which showed insight and shrewdness on the part of the dealer, but is one of a good deal of significance in regard to all work. The man who does anything worth doing is the man who cannot talk about what he has accomplished or what he hopes to accomplish without enthusiasm, no matter how far short of his ideals what he has actually done may seem to him to fall.

Naval Notes.

H. M. S. Champion leaves for the south on Sunday, the crew now being busy coaling and provisioning. She goes direct to Acapulco.

H.M.S. Pheasant will be down from Vancouver to-night or to-morrow. She had to wait there for some provisions that came across the C.P.R. for the Champion.

Will Be Sold To-morrow.

A large number of lady and gentlemen seekers for Christmas presents have visited J. P. Davies & Company's salesroom to-day, where there is a splendid display of Japanese goods. They will be sold at auction at 11 o'clock to-morrow without reserve. The lot consists of the balance of the consignment brought over by the steamer Zambesi.

Court of Revision.

Mr. S. P. Mills held a court of revision in his office to-day to consider appeals against the Provincial Government assessment on personal property and income in Victoria and against the Government's assessment on property in the coast district. There are sixteen appeals in all, which will occupy the attention of the court until to-morrow.

Much Needed.

A much needed work is being done at the Jubilee hospital grounds in the construction of a carriage drive from the main road to the hospital. The work will be completed in a few days.

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Call in at the "Lansdowne House" before 9 p.m. and select a present for your best girl. Umbrellas, fur collars, gloves, lace handkerchiefs, all the best makes and away down in price. J. Partridge.

To Be Soon Commenced.

The Revelstoke Star says: It is stated on the authority of a high official of the Canadian Pacific Railway that the new railway from Revelstoke to down river districts will be commenced immediately after the holidays.

Two Bridges Gone.

Residents out Cadboro Bay way state that two bridges on Cadboro Bay road have been washed out by the late rains. One is near Mr. Wilson's place, the other near the Willows. The latter bridge has recently been built. At present the road is impassable by reason of the washouts, and the Government roadmakers are anxiously looked for.

The Indian Reserve.

Mayor Grant and Ald. Holland had another talk with the principal men of the Songish tribe last evening in regard to the Indian reserve. A meeting of the whole tribe was arranged for Sunday afternoon in the school house, when the matter will be further discussed.

The Funeral To-morrow.

The remains of the late Americo Bossi, whose death in California was announced in the TIMES last week, were brought to the city yesterday. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon from the residence of the father of the deceased, No. 227 Johnson street.

Geo. A. Shade

Has removed to 81½ Yates street, opposite the Clarence hotel where he is, prepared to make and repair boots and shoes at short notice. All kinds of rubber goods repaired. Satisfaction guaranteed or no charge. 1m

Silverware Xmas presents at 45 Johnson St.

House Blown Down.

A half-finished house at the corner of Vancouver and Labouchere streets was somewhat knocked out by yesterday afternoon's gale, the force of the wind sending it into ruins, only the foundation and flooring being left. The damage will not amount to a great deal, however, and will soon be put right.

The New Market.

Six of the stores in the new market, facing both on Cormorant street and the interior of the building, have been let, and to-day they are being fitted up for business. George Vienna, the pioneer fish dealer of Government street, is opening a branch in the market, and he will be followed by several other fish dealers.

Sank in the Mud.

A building on lower Johnson street owned by G. Bossi, and occupied by Chinamen as a laundry, last night settled in the mud of the ravine over which it is built, turned over the stoves and tables and scared a number of Chinamen almost to death. Luckily no one was hurt, and the Chinamen are to-day moving to a more congenial clime.

A Pleasant Change.

The bright weather of to-day was welcomed with much satisfaction by the business men of the city. The sunshine brought out the fair sex in force, and all the stores were crowded with purchasers of Christmas presents. The northerly wind has brought a little cold with it, but the weatherwise say that no very severe frost will be experienced.

A Day's Business.

"Policeman, wa-wa mika potlam" remarked the Chief to John Kelley, an Indian, when His Honor had taken his seat in the police court this morning. "Nowitka," answered John. "Five dollars or one month," said the police magistrate. "Court stands adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning," said Clerk Dowler to the vacancy in the court room and the business of the day was over.

A Splendid Stock.

Messrs. Jackson & Mylius' store on Government street is not large, but it contains a big stock of jewelry of every description. The firm have a nicely arranged store and many pretty articles. They have on view several very handsome oxidized lamp stands and are not behind in their stock of watches. They keep the latest improved repeating and split second chronographs and many other things suitable for Christmas.

A Splendid Chance

To make bargains at Lange & Co.'s, as they wish to retire from business as soon as possible. They offer their fine stock of diamonds and other first-class jewelry at cost. All work done and goods sold will be guaranteed as usual. As the members of the firm will remain in Victoria, the public can feel secure in purchasing from them. 93 Government street. They have on hand the choicest stock of jewelry, diamonds, watches and clocks, etc., to be seen in Victoria.

I'll See You There

After I get the children a few little presents at Partridge's Lansdowne House, Yates street. He keeps open until 9 p.m. this week.

Died in the Jail.

Gentlemen whose business keep them out late at night have often during the past year looked with pity upon a young girl who walked the streets at all hours of the night. She was arrested about a week ago and sentenced to two months in the common jail, where she died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. Her name is registered on the court calendar as Frances Stevens, but that was not her proper name. She was born in Victoria of respectable parents and went to school here. She got into bad company and slowly drifted down to a street walker, even those companions with whom she had led a life of shame refusing to recognize her.

A coroner's inquest was held this afternoon at the jail, the jury bringing in a verdict of death by natural causes.

Undyed Wool Flannel and Health Underwear

Our third year with these popular goods. Wm. Wilson & Co. *

Carving sets at Fox's.

Have Arrived.

The turkeys have arrived. If you want a choice bird for Christmas call early at B. Gordon's. *

Nearly All Sold.

Those wanting a barrel of choice eastern apples should call early as their are only a few left. B. Gordon.

Table mats at Fox's.

Carmichael & Paterson

Have a beautiful assortment of gents, plush and fancy slippers, which they are selling cheap. See these goods. 85 Johnson street. tf

Santa Claus—Kerr & Begg.

We just long for the meeting, to smile you our greeting—
We're across from the Bank of B.C.
Take warning we're cheapest, and its where the rich heap is
Of presents to hang on the tree.

Get Your Carpets Cleaned.

All kinds of carpets cleaned and made to look like new, with our new renovating process. Rugs cleaned. Victoria Carpet Cleaning Works, office 102 Douglas street, Pierre block, works corner Pembroke and Quadra. F. L. Nelson, prop.

Linen Crumb cloths at Weiler Bros

Just So.

18 pounds sugar, 10 pounds currants, 10 pounds raisins, 3 pounds mixed peel, 10 pounds dried apples, 8 pounds prunes, 10 pounds figs, Cal., 7 jam or jelly or four 3 pound tins of peaches for $1. Choice eastern breakfast bacon or ham at 16c per pound at Wm. Eckert's, 106 Yates street.

Scheme Fallen Through.

It is thought that the scheme for the purchase of all the breweries in the Province by an English syndicate which Messrs. Rand Bros. were endeavoring to bring to a successful issue, has fallen through, says the News Advertiser. The promoters asked for an extension of the time from January 1st to March 1st, but the brewers would not agree to this, and consequently the agreement between them and Rand Bros. will be terminated on December 31st.

A Wharf for Sooke.

The Government having announced its intention to build a wharf at Sooke, a meeting of the residents was called last Saturday at the school house and a committee appointed to take soundings of the harbor to ascertain where the best site for the proposed wharf was. The result of the labors of the committee has been announced, they having found a channel with seven fathoms of water, extending in from the Straits up to within 350 feet of the beach at the head of the harbor. This depth, 42 feet, is sufficient for the deepest ship, and is in fact more than exists in any other harbor in the Province. Residents of Sooke believe that if a wharf is built there, trade will be benefited to a degree.

A Popular Priest.

Father John Damon, of Seattle, one of the oldest and most popular churchmen of that city, has during the past year officiated at 104 funerals and 107 weddings. The Rev. Father Damon, although old in years is young in heart, and he has always a kind word for all, which accounts for his popularity. Although his years are many and his head is silvered with the frost of age, he looks back through a vista of eventful years to a young career in the pioneer days of the golden West. In the first years of California statehood young Damon wielded an editor's quill in the city of San Jose, and then he stepped from the press to the pulpit, and travelled to new lands until he cast anchor at length on the shores of Puget Sound. In 1858 he again took up the pen and for many a day spoke to the settlers through the columns of the Victoria Gazette, which was printed on a press patterned after Ben Franklin's contrivance, in the old bastion of the Hudson Bay Company.

Supt. Sheppard a Peacemaker.

At an early hour this morning two sons of Italy got into an argument on Government street. From angry words they fast drifted to that stage of dispute when all such controversies culminate in blows. Just at that moment, however, Superintendent of Police Sheppard happened along. He took in the situation at a glance, and in a mild but firm way ordered the belligerents to cease hostilities. He told them at this season peace was supposed to prevail, and in a kind and fatherly manner informed the wrathy individuals that fighting on the public streets was prohibited by law. He gave them good advice, too, suggesting that the difficulty could be settled in a better way than by an appeal to arms. The combatants listened to the advice of the superintendent and the row was declared off. The usual crowd which always gathers at such occasions were somewhat disappointed that no fight or arrest could be seen. The good advice of the superintendent had its effect, his way of dealing with the trouble saving much trouble to all concerned.

The World Enriched.

The facilities of the present day for the production of everything that will conduce to the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and when Syrup of Figs was first produced the world was enriched with the only perfect laxative known, as it is the only remedy which is truly pleasing and refreshing to the taste and prompt and effectual to cleanse the system gently in the Spring time or, in fact, at any time and the better it is known the more popular it becomes.

Curling tongs and heaters at Fox's.

To Builders.

45 Johnson street is the place to buy your hardware.

Have you seen him?
Who?
Santa Claus.
Where?
At Dixi H. Ross & Co.

CAUSE OF THE WRECK.

The Commission of Enquiry Attribute It to the Neglect of the Master.

At noon to-day Captain H. G. Lewis, agent of the Department of Marine, and Captain James Gaudin, of the steamer Douglas, gave their decision on the cause of the loss of the Nova Scotia bark Sarah, wrecked near Carmanah Point on Nov. 8th last.

Before the judgment was read Mr. W. J. Taylor, on behalf of Captain Greenhalgh, asked that the latter's statement be noted regarding the incorrectness of the N. P. Directory, which in its pilotage directions for the west coast of Vancouver Island and the making of San Juan de Fuca Straits, advises shipmasters in thick weather to be careful of the strong southerly current which is liable to set them on the rocks near Cape Flattery. It was the fear of this southerly current which caused Captain Greenhalgh to keep to the northward. This statement was taken note of.

Captain Lewis then read the Act pertaining to enquiries such as this one, and explained that the decision of the court, together with a copy of all evidence, had to be sent to the Minister of Marine, who could confirm or set aside such decision.

The court found that the bark Sarah, which had been wrecked on the West coast of Vancouver Island while on a voyage from Manila to Port Townsend, had been fully equipped with good and sufficient gear for navigating her. That after due and careful enquiry into the case, and the hearing of the evidence of the master, mate, second mate, carpenter and five seamen, the court considered that the master was blamable for not allowing for the set of the flood tide out of Barclay Sound.

That neglect had been shown in not verifying the position of the vessel by soundings when the weather became thick. That neglect had been shown in not using the lead when the loom of the land was reported, as the sailing directions recommended. The court was also of the opinion that the anchors should have been let go when 25 fathoms was found, as had this been done the vessel could have swung clear of the rocks and might have been saved from loss.

Taking all these matters into consideration the court would recommend that the certificate of competency of the master should be suspended for three months from the time the fact of the wreck was reported officially, and that a mate's certificate should be granted him in the interim.

Referring to that part of the finding of the court which states that land had been reported to the master, Captain Greenhalgh wished to say that it had not been reported to him.

Mr. Taylor made enquiry regarding the commission of the court, and noted an objection or two to it.

Don't Procrastinate.

Never put off till to-morrow that which you can do better to-day, and if you postpone purchasing your Christmas presents at Davidson Bros., till the last moment, you cannot expect in the rush to receive the same care and attention as when the clerks have more time. Davidson Bro's. store, in the Five Sister's block is the most elegantly appointed and stocked in the city. Their richly dressed windows are the subject of general admiration from passers by. Solid gold watches, brooches and other choice articles of of jewelry present a tempting display in one window, while in another a handsome antique silver set and other similar articles form a nice contrast to the richer exhibit in the opposite window. Inside the store are hosts of articles suitable for presents, the prices capable of meeting the largest and slenderest purse. One of the chief attractions is a splendid music box, which is in itself a whole orchestra. Go and hear it.

Christmas Presents.

J. Hoffman, 111 Government street, is making a specialty of Christmas and New Year's presents, and, as he is a most successful dealer in bankrupt stocks, he is offering choice goods at figures not to be touched elsewhere. He is showing jewelry, watches and diamonds, at about half the original cost, and every purchaser of $1 worth of goods has a chance of winning a lady's gold watch, the contest for which closes on Dec. 30th. The variety of Christmas presents shown is as great as the low figures are surprising. Give him a call. de22

Adjourned Till Monday.

Quite a crowd gathered in the police court room at noon to-day for the purpose of hearing the case regarding the Standard theatre which was to have come up before the Licensing Board. The court, which was composed of His Worship Mayor Grant, Police Magistrate Belyea, Robt. Ward, J.P., and Ald. Hunter, adjourned until Monday, on account of other business which the Mayor had to attend to. Mr. Mills, the solicitor for the proprietors of the theatre, was also unable to attend.

Sentimentality and Substantiality.

All this sentiment about a happy Christmas is very fine, but unless it is backed up by other and more substantial good things, it falls very flat. Now in order to fully realize the spirit of the season's wishes you should go to Henry Saunders for all your Christmas supplies. He will furnish the substantiality and even the sentimentality, for a happy Christmas. Call and see his superb stock at 39 and 41 Johnson street.

Crossley and Hunter.

At the farewell meeting last evening Pandora Methodist church was crowded and an invitation was extended to the evangelists to return and continue the services for a few days after the holidays. When an opportunity was given all the congregation rose to their feet as an evidence of their desire for a continuation of the services. To-day the evangelists leave for Portland for a brief change and rest, and return to commence operations again on Sunday next.

Rev. Mr. Rugg's Retirement.

Rev. M. L. Rugg, who last Sunday announced his intention of resigning the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist church, will next Sunday preach his farewell sermon. On Tuesday evening the congregation will hold a social to say good-bye to their pastor, and at the same time re-open their Sunday school room, which has been considerably enlarged. Mr. Rugg goes to Seattle to take charge of the Baptist church in that city, and Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of that city, will fill the pulpit of the church here for a few weeks. Rev. Mr. Rugg came to Victoria four years ago, since which time he has taken an active interest in ministerial work in this city. The congregation of the Calvary church has largely increased and a new Baptist congregation was formed at Spring Ridge. The church has been enlarged, and altogether Mr. Rugg has spent a useful four years in Victoria.

Handsome Result.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital met at the residence of Mrs. McMicking yesterday afternoon to wind up the affairs in connection with the concert held in the market building on Saturday night. The amount of cash received was $588.25, the expenses $130.25, leaving a balance for the B. C. Benevolent Society, which amount has been acknowledged by the secretary-treasurer, W. H. Mason.

More Cars Running.

The first car to run over the Pandora street extension of the N.E.T. Co's system left Pandora street this morning on a trial trip. The cars will be running regularly in a few days. The James Bay portion of the line is not yet ready, the rails not having arrived. The company have not yet decided how often they will run.

Valuable Information Free.

In a short time hence, do not say "If I had known, what know now, I would have bought some lots in Alberni City." We tell you now that "Alberni City" is destined to become the great commercial center and metropolis of British Columbia. Get the facts from O'Neill & Corin, 104 Yates street, Victoria, B. C.

Doctors Not the Only Ones.

We do not think anything of calling a doctor at night, but it is not often that a line of goods creates so much excitement as to necessitate the poor unfortunate salesman being aroused at midnight. However, such was the case last night in h. p. johnson being called from his rest to attend to the great demands of the public, and supply them with "Turkish Delight."

The Royal Commission.

The Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the civic affairs will meet to-morrow morning to receive the evidence and hear the opinions of the commissioners. The evidence in the case has been printed, and copies will be distributed to the petitioners for their perusal. It forms quite a voluminous document.

Winter is Here.

Winter is here and the snow is falling in the vicinity of Messrs. B. Williams & Co.'s clothing establishment, at 97 Johnson street. Come and see if our display of Christmas gifts, comprising silk handkerchiefs, ties, scarfs, cuff buttons, scarf pins, silk umbrellas, fancy braces, gloves, etc., is not the finest in the city.

A Ship Carpenter Injured.

A carpenter named Kelly was badly injured at the new outer dock this afternoon by a plank falling on him. The plank struck him in the face, tearing the skin off his forehead, nose and chin. The neck was also hurt. Medical assistance was summoned and the injured man conveyed to his residence.

Again Adjourned.

The wages case against the master of the bark Sarah was on before Mr. Edwin Johnson, S.M., this morning, and after some evidence had been taken was further adjourned until to-morrow.

The Latest.

Photographs on handkerchiefs, book marks, etc., will not break, wash out or fade, see samples at Jones & Co., 60 Yates street.

JUST ARRIVED FOR CHRISTMAS.

Handsome line of Fancy Chairs,
Ladies' Cabinets and Writing Desks,
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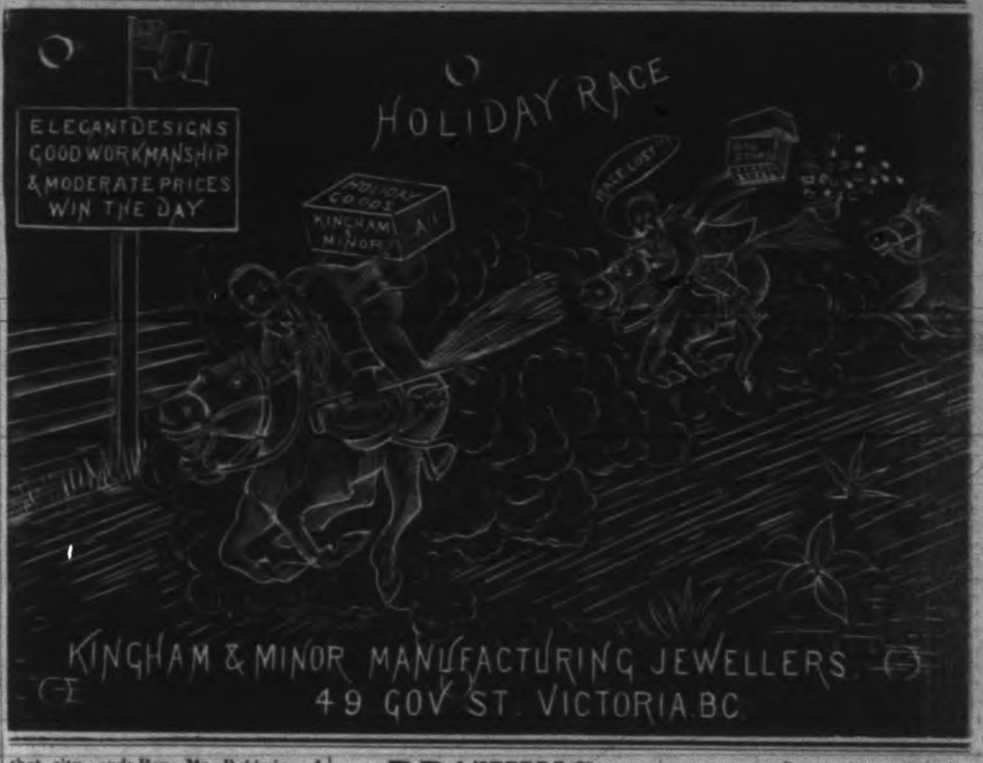
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DRAWING.

The 54th drawing for an Appropriation in the Vancouver Island Building Society will be held in Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad street, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th December, 1891.

See that your shares are in good standing.

B. WILLIAMS.
d19 Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A.O.U.W.

THE members of Victoria Lodge No. 19, and Vancouver Lodge No. 77, are urgently requested to attend the regular meeting of the first named Lodge on Wednesday evening, 23rd inst., at Foresters' hall at 7:30 o'clock, to consider as to the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of British Columbia. This question being of vital importance, demands immediate attention of every member.

H. JEWELL,
Recorder No. 19.
WM. JACKSON,
de19-6t Recorder No. 77.

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BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY.
Candies and Creams made fresh daily. Catering a specialty. For Weddings, Dinners and Receptions of all kinds leave it to us.
Open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Theatre nights until after the performance.
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The Lancashire Insurance Co. have recently re-insured THREE large American companies.

$200,000,000 re-insured.

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1 lot, Harrison street, $750.
4 lots, Fernwood road, $5250.
4 lots, Loxton avenue, each $700 to $850.

We have plenty other good property, if you will call and examine our lists.

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44 Broad Street.

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At the list of Xmas Presents below, then call at our music store and select the goods.

Accordeons
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Cases
Concertinas
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Music Books
Flageolets
Mandolins
Flutes
Piccolos
Tamberines
Violins
Guitars
Zithers
Whistles
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CORNWALL AND ESTEY ORGANS
AND THE
HEINTZMAN PIANOS.

See our Great Window Display.

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BURNED AS A WITCH.

Rebecca Nurse the First Victim of the Delusion.

The Final Resting-Place at Salem of an Early American Martyr—First Acquitted, Then Condemned and Dragged in a Cart to Execution.

It was in September, 1890, says a writer in the Philadelphia Press, that I paid a visit to Salem, Mass., the scene of the witchcraft panic of 1692, which for the fervor and relentlessness of its persecutions exceeded any like delusion that ever disgraced the civilized world. I had read Upton's history of witchcraft, and filled with weird fancies of that bygone age I found it hard to realize when I alighted from the train and walked about the busy street of this now thriving town that I was on the scene of those terrible tragedies of that summer time of long ago, when Salem was a little village with commonplace log houses scattered far apart on wide grass-grown streets.

Through the town and out upon the country road I took my way. Every hill stood arrayed in garments of russet and gold; across the valleys the sunbeams chased the shadows; bird music filled the air; there was a sigh of contentment in the rustle of the wind among the ripe leaves; all nature seemed to unite in a song of thanksgiving that the spiritual nightmare of two hundred years ago had been swept away, never to return.

Presently I came upon a tiny burial place, a roadside spot, shaded by pine and cedar, and set between two billowy fields. It is the final resting-place of Rebecca Nurse, the first victim of the witchcraft delusion.

Rebecca Nurse, "accused of practicing the black art of witchcraft," was in the first instance acquitted by the jury, but afterward the same jury, induced by the disapprobation of the assembled multitude and the rebuke of the judges, reconsidered their verdict and condemned her. In the afternoon of the same day the poor old woman was carried in chains to the meeting-house, and there, in the presence of a vast crowd, Rev. Mr. Noyes proclaimed her expulsion from the church, pronounced the sentence of eternal death upon her, formally delivered her over to Satan, and consigned her to the flames of hell. Next day, heavily loaded with chains, she was dragged in a cart to Gallow Hill, and, upon her still refusing to confess herself a witch and in league with Satan, was executed and thrown in a trench beneath the gibbet.

From the accursed ditch she was stolen in the night by her stalwart sons and son-in-law, and though it was never known exactly where the saintly victim was laid, it has always been vivid tradition in her family that she rested somewhere in the little burial ground among her kindred. In the center of this graveyard there is a simple monument of white marble. It was erected by an association of women call the "Rebecca Nurse association" to commemorate the heroic conduct and sublime courage of the Christian martyr who refused to save her life, as many did, by confessing herself a witch, and it is visited yearly by thousands of people who have been touched by her heroic fortitude.

On the monument is carved the inscription:

Rebecca Nurse, Yarmouth, Eng., 1621; Salem, Mass. 1692.

O Christian martyr, who for truth could die,
When all around thee owned the hideous lie,
The world, removed from superstitious sway,
Is breathing freer for thy sake to-day.

MORMONS IN MEXICO.

A New Utah Blossoming Out in the State of Chihuahua.

"The Mormons, now that they have been compelled to behave themselves in Utah, are rapidly settling in the province of Chihuahua, Mexico," said E. E. Smith, of the City of Mexico, to a New York Telegram man. "Hundreds of industrious Mormons have purchased lands there, especially in the valley of the Corralites, which is a great bed of alluvial deposit, extremely fertile and easily cultivated. The valley is nearly level, sloping just enough to give good drainage. The Mormons have neat and comfortable adobe houses and windmills for raising water both for consumption and irrigation. They have built themselves barns and their vineyards and orchards are coming rapidly into bearing.

"I was surprised when I visited there recently at the way the newcomers have changed barren, treeless plains, covered with the tiresome mesquite bush, into comfortable farms. The altitude of the valley ranges from three thousand to six thousand feet above sea level, with a magnificent climate, never too hot and never cold. Vegetables do remarkably well. All the fruits of the lower temperate zone are produced in abundance and of great size and splendid flavor. They sell most of their truck and fruit in the neighboring mining camps, and with the completion of the North Mexican Pacific railway from the United States they will have the advantages of an unlimited market. Between ourselves I think they are going to give Mexico just as much trouble as they have made for Uncle Sam; but the Mexican officials will not see it, for they have already been 'seen.'"

PORTUGUESE BEGGARS.

Always Ready to Change Your Money and Keep a Trifle for Themselves.

At Braga, a few miles from Oporto, is a temple, dedicated, I believe, to the sun, and leading up to its principal entrance there are three hundred and sixty-five steps, says a letter from Portugal. At each end of a step there is generally a beggar. Every beggar prides him or herself on some horrible deformity, which is exposed so as to present its most hideous aspect to the view of the unfortunate pilgrims to the temple.

Having heard beforehand of this ghastly spectacle, says a writer in the Chicago Times, I determined not to go beyond the human malformations which creep about the city of Oporto. They are absolutely a recognized institution and might almost be said to occupy the position of money changers to the general public. Their method of begging is peculiar. When they espy your approach they begin a long prayer in a vigorous, sing-song voice. They start in something like this style: "It is in your excellent honor's power to be thankful for your own riches and mindful of the wants of others. Dogs shall lick your hand. The rain shall bedew your doorstep every morning. Assist the maimed, the deformed, the stricken in every limb. I can change two hundred, three hundred or five hundred reis at your excellent honor's pleasure." Then follows a curse or blessing, according to the manner in which you have responded to their supplications.

You may give one of these creatures almost any piece of money, and he will return you that sum in small change minus about half a farthing with complete satisfaction. Indeed, he will think he has done a good morning's work. Whenever I went out I made it a rule to place a few coppers in a certain pocket to present to these objects of distrust and ward off as many maledictions as possible. One day I plunged my hand into the wrong pocket, and, without examining the piece, gave it to a trunk possessing only a left arm and an incomplete cranium. The fragment set up an uproar and a crowd collected. I was summoned back, and, with wild gesticulations, was presented with a two-hundred reis piece. I thought it was too late then, so I bowed and shook my head. The trunk showered blessings (assisted therein by the crowd), and I heard that no more was seen of him for ten days.

There was one gentleman whose body, head and arms were all right, but he was minus his legs, and he had ingeniously supplied this deficiency with a pair of cab wheels. On his hands were fixed some sort of claws, and thus he used to canter around, ladies being his especial prey. He would hide in an obscure alley—and as Oporto is nearly all dark alleys, he had many lairs—until he marked some unconscious victim, then off he would go, and if the lady took refuge in a shop he would wait outside. I hear that this bogy man has since died, leaving a lot of money.

In Braga children are bandaged in all sorts of postures and subjected to great torture to enable them to live at ease when they grow up. Such, among many, is a man with a fourteen stone body, who daily blesses his parents for providing him with legs which would have caused Barnum's "skeleton dude" to cry with envy. But were I to describe the horrors so prepared the paper on which I write would curl up and revolt.

ORIGIN OF HIGH HEELS.

Formerly Blocks of Wood Fastened Upon Sandals.

Heels, it is said, owe their origin to Persia, where they were introduced upon sandals in the shape of blocks of wood fixed underneath, such being the root idea of these deformities to which lovely woman owes so many of her woes. A high, unsteady heel, it is an open secret, injures the leg tendons and affects the spine, as well as the internal organs, which are liable to be displaced by the thrown-forward position entailed.

In Persia, the home of the high heel, says the New York Press, these blocks of wood were used simply to "raise the feet from the burning sands of the country, and were about two inches high." With the Persian women these blocks were vastly higher than those erected by the men, their height being from eighteen inches to two feet, thus becoming more of the nature of stilts than anything else.

Strangely enough, many years after, a similar fashion came into vogue in Venice, but the motive in this case was comically different, for "by its means jealous husbands thought they would be able to keep their wives at home." The supports of such shoes in Venice were called "chapineys," and to appease the vanity of the ladies, and doubtless also to sugar the pill, were made highly ornate.

The height of these chapineys determined the rank of the wearer, an extra coating for the pill, "the noblest dames being permitted to wear them one-half yard or more high."

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The horses of the German cavalry regiments are to be entirely shod with paper shoes, recent experiments as to their durability, etc., having proved entirely satisfactory.

The government of Nicaragua has decided that the maximum number of troops in active service during time of peace shall be 1,000 men, and in time of international troubles 5,000.

Gen. Alexander S. Webb, president of the College of the City of New York, has received from the war department a medal of honor for "distinguished personal gallantry at the battle of Gettysburg."

Austria has an army 300,000 strong. But a correspondent says that the Austrian soldiers are very poorly dressed in comparison with the English and German soldiery, and they are also not so good specimens of manhood as the queen's and the kaiser's troops.

The food allowed to sailors in the American navy is better than that furnished in any other navy in the world. They have every vegetable that can be canned except asparagus, besides all kinds of canned meats. In fact, they have fresh meats, and the mess fund provides fresh fruits.

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By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

City Clerk's Office, Dec. 8, 1891.

XMAS 1891

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20 lbs. New Valencia Raisins, $1.00.
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Has removed to his new block, Douglas Street, two doors south of City Hall. au4-tf

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of Victoria:

Having been requested to become a candidate for the Mayorship, I have, after consideration, decided to place my services at your disposal and respectfully ask your support.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

21st December, 1891.

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This Coal, mined by The New Vancouver Coal Company by UNION LABOR only, is supplied by the following Coal Merchants, at current rates:

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

W. H. BAINBRIDGE, Secretary of the B.C. Pottery and Terra Cotta Works, the B.C. Agricultural Association, and the Victoria Jockey Club, has removed his offices to the JEWELL BLOCK, DOUGLAS STREET. se19-t

A. MAXWELL MUIR,

ARCHITECT,

Rooms 3 and 18, - - - Turner Block.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

BUILDER'S LIEN.

ANY ONE HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the frame building recently completed, situated at Sidney, North Saanich, are requested to present the same to Hall, Goepel & Co., forthwith.

W. A. BISSETT.

Victoria, Dec. 19th, 1891. dec19

PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to incorporate Mary Ellen McTucker (known in religion as Sister Mary Providence) and other persons now members or hereafter to become members of the Roman Catholic congregation of the Sisters of Saint Ann with power to receive, take, and hold by gift, leave, purchase, devise or otherwise real and personal estate of every description and with full power and authority to grant, sell and dispose of the same by sale, mortgage or other wise.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1891.

S. PERRY MILLS,
46 Langley street, Victoria, Solicitor for the applicants. dec11-2m

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described land, situated on Barclay Sound. Commencing at the southwest corner of Indian Reserve, Uchucleslt Harbor; following the shore line 20 chains southwesterly more or less; thence 15 chains west to shore line of Rainy Bay; thence 80 chains northwesterly along shore; thence 40 chains east to northeast corner of Indian Reserve; thence south 70 chains following Indian Reserve line to point of commencement. Containing about 400 acres, more or less.

GEO. A. COOPER.

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 5, 1891. no5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a timber cutting license over the following described tract of land situate at the head of Evans Bay, Reid Island, Sayward District:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 20, Sayward District; thence west 60 chains; thence north 100 chains; thence east 80 chains; south to the northern boundary line of said Lot 20; thence west and south along the boundary line of said Lot 20 to point of commencement; said to contain 1000 acres, more or less.

M. KING.

Dec. 8, 1891 de-9-1m

NOTICE.

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I SHALL not be responsible for any debts contracted without my written authority.

W. F. TOLMIE.

Victoria Sept. 2, 1891. se2-tf

NOTICE.

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY debts contracted by my wife or any other person on her behalf.

JOHN J. RUSSELL,
Strawberry Vale Farm

Victoria Dec. 11, 1890. de12-tf

MUNICIPAL.

CITY POUND.

NOTICE, IN POUND: One bay horse with white face and three white feet, will be sold at auction December 30th, Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon, if not redeemed and pound charges paid on or before that date, by order of Mayor and Aldermen.

ANDREW SHAW,
Poundkeeper.

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NO. 113.

A BY-LAW

Appointing three Commissioners of Sewers.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria as follows:

1. That Thomas Earle, M.P., J. H. Turner, M.P.P., and John Teague, Esq., Senior, are hereby appointed Commissioners to manage and superintend, as hereinafter prescribed, the construction of sewerage and drainage works for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

2. The duties of the said Commissioners shall be to examine all accounts and claims in respect of the sewers of the said City and to certify same; to sign all cheques drawn in respect of said accounts and claims, said cheques to be countersigned by the Mayor for the time being of the City, and to see that all moneys voted for sewerage purposes be not expended otherwise than for sewerage purposes; to settle all disputes which may from time to time arise between the engineer in charge inspector, or inspectors, or either of them, and any contractor or contractors for any work in connection with said sewers, and report the same through the City Clerk to the Municipal Council of said Corporation, and the decision of said Commissioners shall be final.

3. The said Commissioners shall have power to reject any or all work or material, performed or used, and materials proposed to be used in any such work, that is not in their opinion in accordance with the plans and specifications, or either of them.

4. If the said Commissioners shall be of opinion that any assistant engineer or inspector of works is not acting for the best interests of the said City, they shall call thereto the attention of the engineer in charge of said works, and through him order the discharge of said assistant engineer or inspector of works.

5. The said Commissioners shall meet at least once in each month, and at any other time at the call of the Secretary upon reasonable notice.

6. The City Clerk shall act as Secretary at all meetings of said Commissioners.

7. The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Commissioners whenever requested so to do by the Commissioners or the engineer in charge of the works.

8. The said Commissioners shall be appointed by the Council of the said Corporation, and shall hold office for the period prescribed and limited in and otherwise under and subject to the provisions of sub-section 97 of Section 96 of the "Municipal Act, 1891."

The remuneration of the said Commissioners shall be $10 each for each and every meeting of the said Commissioners duly convened.

This By-Law may be cited as the "Commissioners of Sewers Appointment By-Law, 1891."

Passed the Municipal Council the 18th day of November, A.D. 1891.

Re-considered and finally passed the Council this 25th day of November, A.D., 1891.

[L.S.] JOHN GRANT,
Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
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MRS. McGREGOR,

MID-WIFE

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The Eccentric Brother of the Great Sage of Chappaqua.

If you go farther and farther away from the railroads, back even to the state line between Pennsylvania and New York, you will come upon an old farm house which claims something of historic interest. This is the old Greeley homestead, and there you may see the only brother of the great editor, himself an interesting character. Barnes Greeley is an erratic and extraordinary old man. He often walks to the neighboring village of Clymer in his bare feet. In appearance he greatly resembles his distinguished brother, having the same delicate and cherubic features. His long white beard flows over his chest. He wears an old blue army coat and a conical-shaped felt hat. He is very willing to talk with strangers and give his ideas of men and affairs. He has been a great reader and still reads the Tribune with much interest. He delights in argument and has worsted every preacher in the country on theological points, for he is not orthodox, although, with a twinkle in his eye, he says that he believes in a "hot gospel" for some. He admires Bob Ingersoll, but doesn't like Talmage. He believes in the Farmers' Alliance party because it recognizes women. Mr. Greeley is a champion of the down-trodden sex. "The trouble with the wimmen," he said, "is that they don't take no interest in their own rights. Ef they did ye couldn't stop 'em no more'n ye could a mess of sheep." The old gentleman is an ardent spiritualist, and is regarded as the high priest of that faith in the neighborhood.

"I don't pretend to understand the workings of their signals," he said, any more'n I understand the clicking of the telegraph, but I know when the communication is established."

As I drove away the lifelong friend of Mr. Greeley, who had taken me to call upon him, said: "Good-by Barnes. If you pass over this winter to the other side give my love to Horace."

"I will," said Mr. Greeley, "and what's more, I'll be getting a place fixed comfortable for you."—Edith Sessions Tupper in N. Y. World.

A SUBMARINE BOAT.

A New Vessel Designed for Various Useful Lake Purposes.

The submarine boat that has been building at the Detroit Boat Works for George C. Barker, of Chicago, for just a year, has been successfully launched. The boat has reversible propellers working amidships on each side, which not only propel but regulate the depth of submersion. These wheels are arranged on shafts that may be turned in any direction. Parallel with the side the boat will go forward, and as raised the boat will, in addition to the forward motion, go obliquely downward. The more acute the angle the deeper the boat will sink in being propelled, and when the screws and shafts are at right angles to the propeller positions the forward motion will have been entirely changed into a vertical movement.

The boat is 40 feet long, 9 feet wide, 14 feet deep, elliptical in shape, and drawing 8 feet of water with 10 tons of ballast. Of solid oak frames, molded 6 inches deep and bolted, the skeleton is very strong. The inside is to be thoroughly braced, and the pressure of 86 feet of water can be stood. Steam will be used as the propelling power. The smoke-stack is connected with an outside cast-iron conduit provided with a check controlled from the inside, as is the whole machinery. The blowing engine changes the air in four minutes through a 4-inch inlet pipe that may be extended eight inches above the hull and discharged through the outlet at the other end, but if submersion is desired the outlet is closed and the air is stored at the pressure of fifteen pounds, being ample to last three men several hours. An observing tower two feet high is located on the top of the boat, and through this ingress an egress is obtained. Around the sides of the body of the tower are five peepholes of heavy glass.

The boat will be lighted by incandescent lights. Under the stern is the balanced rudder for steering purposes. It will be a week before the experiment of submersion will be tried.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

BLUED DIAMONDS.

An Antwerp Firm Said to Have Sold Some $4,000,000 Worth.

People who are looking around to buy diamonds at a "good bargain" would better "mind their eye." That is what the big jewelers and diamond dealers in New York recommend. The reason is that a number of instances have lately come to public notice where, as the result of a "good bargain," people have purchased low grade off-color diamonds and paid for them many times their value. The diamonds are real enough, but they artificially colored before they are sold. A yellow-tinged, low-grade diamond in this way masquerades as a white diamond of superior quality. In some cases very responsible houses have been made a party to the deception through failure to subject the color of the diamond to the proper test. The following experience was reported recently to a London paper by an English lady of supposed means and position:—

"Not long ago my husband gave me a diamond ornament which he had bought at the Army and Navy stores for £80. The diamonds looked white and beautiful, and it was never out of my possession until I washed it, with the rest of my jewelry, with the household ammonia. As I washed, two of the stones seemed to be changing their color. This led me to wash more vigorously, when these two stones turned into yellow diamonds. I took the ornaments to the stores, when they agreed to substitute two white stones for these two yellow stones. I believe that there is some sort of process in Paris by means of which yellow diamonds can be converted into white diamonds, and remain white until washed with chemicals."

Mr. George W. Kunz, the diamond expert at Tiffany & Co., said in reference to the matter:

"The stories told by these different people are undoubtedly true. Within the last year a great number of artificially whitened diamonds have got into the market of Europe, and no doubt quantities of them have made their way to America. It is now believed that a single firm in Antwerp has sold between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000 of these fraudulently colored diamonds in the past year. A suit has been instituted against this firm, and I believe is still going on. Until the case is decided it cannot, of course, be positively stated that this amount of these diamonds were really sold in Antwerp. But there is no doubt about the fact that large quantities of them are now offered for sale both in this country and in Europe."—N. Y. Sun.

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The famous divorce mill at Sioux Falls, S. D., had some queer grist the other day. A New York member of the divorce colony asked for a divorce from his wife, whom he married in New York in 1887. While this suit was pending the sheriff served on the applicant a copy of a summons and complaint filed in London a few weeks ago. The complaint alleges that this same gentleman was married in England in 186-, and one child, now living, was born of the union. Two years later the husband left for the United States, and the English wife heard nothing of him after three years. She discovered his whereabouts a few weeks ago, and began suit for divorce. So the curious case is presented of a bigamous husband suing for divorce and being himself sued at the same time.

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Castoria is recommended by physicians for children teething. It is a purely vegetable preparation, its ingredients are published around each bottle. It is pleasant to the taste and absolutely harmless. It relieves constipation, regulates the bowels, quiets pain, cures diarrhœa and wind colic, allays feverishness, destroys worms, and prevents convulsions, soothes the child and gives it refreshing and natural sleep. Castoria is the children's panacea—the mothers' friend. 35 doses, 35 cents.

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CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—H Saunders, Bank Montreal, J A Cohen, M W Waitt & Co, Simon Leiser, Ames Holden, W. J Pendray, Clark & Pearson, C J Salmon, George Vienna, Bywater, Goodacre, J Nagano, Booth & Pargeten, Weiler Bros, Valo & Brooks, Lange & Co, Merchants Bank, J H Todd & Son, Thos Shotbolt, Lenz & Leiser McLennan & McFeeley, S L Kelley, M R Smith, Pateneau & Champagne, R H Jamieson, Oriental Hotel, Mr Enouf, Hip Lung, J Piercy & Co, W H McDonald, A F Turner, W McDonald, Cowan & Wilson, J Barnsley, R A Brown, H P Johnston, Thompson & King, Brown Bros, G E Hawes, Thorpe & Co, Hans Helgersen, Dom. Express Co.

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Superintendent.

Dec. 30.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The Gondoliers Received by a Crowded House—A Finished Performance.

Gilbert & Sullivan's charming and latest opera, "the Gondoliers," was played last evening to a fashionably packed and keenly appreciative audience by the W. T. Carleton Opera Company. The Carleton combination is well made up; the principals are able, conscientious and pleasing actors, and the chorus is powerful, musical and nicely balanced.

"The Gondoliers" is a production that the theatre goer must like, but that is all. One listens and is pleased; there is very little if any remembrance of it afterwards. The music is sweet and racy, but it is not lasting—there is missing that magic link which so indefinably connects the public recollection with Gilbert & Sullivan's other operas. Not that the work is less meritorious or that the situations are less happy and funny, or that the music is below the usual standard. On the contrary, all three are above the average, but still there is something lacking. This fact does not lessen the enjoyableness of the performance in the slightest, but one seems to take away nothing to remember it by. The success scored by the Carleton opera troupe last evening in this work was thoroughly pronounced. The funniest situation, one which is carried throughout the work, is the complication "which is which, and who is who?" arising out of the fact that one of two gondoliers is King of Barataria. To smooth over state matters till the identity of the rightful king can be established the grand inquisitor appoints both to reign. The two carry into the royal household thoroughly republican ideas and principles of equality, hard work, and so forth, giving the courtiers practical illustrations on plate polishing and house cleaning generally. The rightful king has been married when an infant to the bankrupt Duke of Plaza Tora; she appears to be claimed by her husband and no one knows who is the right one. The two have been previously married to a pair of village girls, and as the grand inquisitor remarks, things become very complicated. After many complications it is discovered that neither of the gondoliers is king, matters are straightened out, and the curtain falls before a thoroughly pleased and highly delighted audience. As the gondoliers, Mr. J. K. Murray and Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald were a treat. They were amusing to convulsiveness, and so was Mr. C. A. Bidgelow as the grand inquisitor. Mr Pietson made an admirable duke, aristocratic yet thoroughly business-like, and Miss Clara Wisdom made a good duchess dramatically, though not vocally. Miss Marion Langdon as Casilda, the duke's daughter, was very pleasing and conscientious; but with the gondoliers, the life and soul of the opera were centered in Granetta and Tessa (Miss Clara Lane and Miss Alice Vincent), both of whom were full of vivacity and piquancy.

IMPERIAL THEATRE.

M'liss was repeated last night by the Imperial Stock Company to a good house. The leaders of the company were in their usual good form. The others were good and played well together. To-night the greatest of farce comedies "Muldoon's Picnic," in two acts, will be produced with a strong cast, preceded by the screaming farce "Rough Diamond," in one act, as a curtain raiser. Both comedies are fully clean fun and go, and will drive away all thoughts of bad weather.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

It was stated in this morning's Colonist that the entertainment to-night at the Temperance Hall, Pandora street, was to take the form of a Christmas tree, given by the united lodges of the C.O.O.F., M.U. This is an error, as anyone may see by reading the advertisement. The entertainment will be a first-class concert given by the members of Waverley Lodge and their friends, and those who want to enjoy good music and good singing should not miss this opportunity to hear both. The programme is an attractive one, and will be shared between many of our best performers, among whom may be mentioned Miss Russell, Miss Connan, Messrs. Brown, Firth, Floyd, Grant, Mair and Watson.

WHARF AND WAVE.

Jottings of Interest to Marine Men Concisely Compiled.

Bark Dominion has about finished discharging lumber at Esquimalt.

It has been reported that the Seattle tug J. E. Bayden has sunk near Olympia.

The new whaleback steamer Charles W. Wetmore has arrived at Everett, Wash., with the plant for a shipbuilding yard on board.

Owing to the wet weather the Union SS. Co.'s shipyards at Vancouver have been shut down. They will be started up again as soon as the weather improves.

The steamer Victorian, which lost a blade of her propeller on Sunday, has had a coffer dam placed under her stern so the opposite blade could be cut off and the boat run with two blades on the wheel until a composition wheel which is being made for her arrives. It was expected that she would be ready to go out on her run last night.

The British ship Kinkora is being towed from San Francisco to Portland. The Kinkora put into San Francisco in distress, having lost her top hamper in a gale "forty, south." The intention was to discharge her cargo of coal there, but she has been ordered north to the port for which she was bound when she met with bad luck. Captain Lawrence is not sure whether new iron masts will be placed in the vessel at Portland or not. The probabilities are that she will return to San Francisco for repairs.

Beats French Realism.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A bold experiment was made with a drama and an audience this afternoon at Palmer's Theatre. The purpose was to ascertain the effect of representing, bluntly and plainly, to an assemblage of well-mannered people, things which, if real, those same people would not have seen or heard voluntarily. One of the women characters was habitually profane. Two of the men cursed roundly, in outright blasphemy. Several phrases of maternity and malpractice were mentioned without reserve. The betrayal of a girl was discussed freely. A young mother made preparations to give nourishment to an infant, when the curtain fell in time to avert a stampede of panic-stricken women from the theatre. The parts of the performance here indicated were grossly offensive. Nevertheless, the play had been acted several times in a Boston hall, and had received high praise from literary censors there as a triumph of naturalism. The theme of this work, entitled "Margaret Fleming," is that of the social deprivation which punishes a faithless wife, as contrasted with the forgiveness and reinstatement easily obtained by a husband guilty of infidelity. One law is enough for man and woman alike, and the piece closes with the wife's avowal of that doctrine.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meetings of the E. & N. Railway Co. and the Union Colliery Co. were held to-day when a statement of the years' business was submitted and approved of.

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One Day's Doings in City and Province Briefly Related.

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Mr. John Kingsley and Miss Mary Mills were quietly married last evening at the residence of the Rev. P. Macleod.

Cambridge sausages, beef sausages, pork pies, boiled corn beef and ham, at Whitelaw & Co.'s, 125 Fort street.

The young people of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church gave a very enjoyable concert in the lecture room last evening.

Two or three fine parlor suites and two oak sideboards for less than cost at our undertaking rooms, 36 Broad St. Lockhart & Co.

Macaulay & Higginbottom, Lion Clothing House, commence their annual Xmas sale to-day, Saturday, December 19th.

The American hunter has made such havoc on the reindeer that old Santa Claus is forced to use a bicycle. See him at Dixi H. Ross & Co.

The receipts from the tax upon Chinese entering Vancouver last month amounted to $6492, being $94 less than the corresponding month of last year.

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New styles in ladies rubbers at Erskine's boot and shoe emporium, 132 Government street, cor. Johnson street.

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PERSONAL.

Movements of Well Known People in Various Directions.

George B. Martin, M.P.P., is at the Oriental.

S. T. Tingley and Mrs. Tingley, of Ashcroft, are at the Driard.

Captain Taylor left for San Francisco by the Kingston last evening.

Ben Evans, the well known usher of the Supreme Court, who has been ill for the past week, is improving.

Miss Rhode has been dangerously ill in St. Joseph's hospital for some time. She is now out of danger and is on a fair way to recovery.

John Fee was able to leave St Joseph's hospital yesterday, after having been confined there for over ten weeks. Careful nursing was mainly instrumental in pulling him through the ordeal.

The weather on the continent of Europe is extremely cold. Several persons were frozen to death in the French provinces. It is reported that a drunken man was frozen to death in the streets of Naples.

Gordon Head School.

The first examination of the above school was held on Friday afternoon in presence of a large number of parents and friends of the pupils. The schoolroom was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The teacher examined the pupils on various subjects, the results being creditable to both teacher and pupils. The successful competitors were presented with a number of valuable prizes. Several of the parents spoke in high terms of the ability and energy of the teacher and their satisfaction in the progress of their children during the past season. It was proposed to have a Christmas tree in the school room on the 4th of January, when the teacher will have returned from her holidays. The proceedings terminated by the company joining in singing "God Save the Queen," Mrs. Kale very kindly presiding at the organ. It must be very gratifying to the residents of Gordon Head district that they have been so fortunate as to secure the services of a teacher so able and so energetic as Miss M. Gordon.

Dr. Abernethy and His Patient.

Abernethy was invariably successful in making use of apt illustration in order to convince an obstinate client, when less plain advice was not heeded. One of his patients had recovered from a serious illness, but was threatened by the influence of the same causes with a return of his malady. "He thought," said Abernethy, "that if he did not drink like a fish, he might eat like a glutton." He lived in the country, and Abernethy went one day and dined with him. "Well," writes Dr. Abernethy, "I saw he was at his old tricks again; so, being a merchant, I asked him what he would think of a man who, having thriven in business and amassed a fortune, went and risked it all in some imprudent speculation?" "Why," said the merchant, "I should think him a great ass." "Nay, then, sir," said Abernethy, "thou art the man!"

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BOSSI—At El Paso de Robles, California, on the 15th instant, Americo, only son of G. and R. Bossi of this city, aged 30 years.

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TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1892, for making and repairing roads, etc., at the Naval Hospital.

Specifications can be seen at the office of the Clerk of Works in this Yard, and at the Naval Hospital.

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